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H.R. 13 Kennedy (R-MN) 3/2/05 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.	Clean, Learn, Educate, Abolish, Neutralize, and Undermine Production (CLEAN-UP) of Methamphetamines Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to carry out environmental cleanup and remediation programs involving specified lands that are contaminated with hazardous substances associated with illegal methamphetamine manufacture.	AB 1078 (Keene) SB 421 (Simitian) SB 566 (Bowen) SB 1458 (Simitian) AB 2587 (Liu)	Text (1/4/05)
HR 18 Baca (D-CA) 4/13/2005 Referred to Senate committee on Energy & Natural Resources	Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act. This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through, the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other federal, state and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced long-term groundwater remediation program in Southern California.	HR 186 (Pombo) HR 213 (Solis) AB 2628 (Baca)	Text (4/13/05) Press Release (2/24/06) PE.com Article entitled Lawmakers press for cleaner groundwater by Lisa B. McPheron (h/c only)
HR 110 Holt (D-NJ) Watch 2/17/2005 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.	School Environment Protection Act of 2005. This bill would amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and require local educational agencies and schools to implement integrated pest management systems to minimize the use of pesticides in schools. Additionally notice of use of pesticides must be provided to parents, guardians, and employees.	S. 1619 Lautenberg (NJ)	Text (1/4/05) CA enacted (AB 2260, Ch. 718, statutes of 2000) encouraging school facilities to adopt "least toxic" pest management practices; requires schools to provide written notice and posting of pesticide application sites.
HR 125 Issa (R-CA) High Priority	This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military and other uses from the Santa Margarita River in		Text (1/4/05)



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Passed House Referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	California. It is the SWRCB's position that the Bureau of Reclamation is the water right holder. The bill contains language that would specify that Camp Pendleton and Fallbrook, who are contractors of the Bureau, would be the water right holder.		
H.R. 168 Millender-McDonald (D-CA) High Priority 1/5/2005 Referred to House Subcmte on Highways, Transit & Pipelines	This bill would establish a goods movement program to improve the productivity, security, and safety of freight transportation gateways. According to the sponsor's office, expansion of the 710 freeway in southern California is an example of a project that could be designated.		Text (1/4/05)
HR 186 Pombo (R-CA) High Priority 3/15/2005 Referred to Senate committee. On Energy and Natural Resources.	This bill would set aside \$25 million in federal money to clean up perchlorate in South Santa Clara County groundwater. This federal legislation is related to bills that were vetoed by the Governor during last session—AB 2883 (Diaz) would have authorized the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) to conduct investigations and cleanup activities related to the contamination of surface or groundwater within the SCVWD and AB 2884 (Calderon) would have limited the scope of responsibility of a Regional Water Board when cleaning up pollution at properties with non-operating businesses. This bill would have also authorized the collection of abatement costs from the property owner by civil suit.	AB 2883 (Diaz) and AB 2884 (Calderon) vetoed 2004	Text (3/15/05) Press release (3/14/05)
HR 213 Solis (D-CA) Watch	Safe Drinking Water for Healthy Communities Act of 2005. This bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a national primary drinking water regulation for perchlorate.		Text (1/4/05)



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House Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials			
HR 425 Thompson (D-CA) High Priority Referred to House Subcmte on Env & Haz Materials	National Computer Recycling Act. This bill would establish a grant and fee program through the Environmental Protection Agency to encourage and promote the recycling of used computers and to promote the development of a national infrastructure for the recycling of used computers, and for other purposes. Subcommittee on Environment & Hazardous Materials held an informal hearing to discuss E-Waste on July 20 th .		Text (1/26/05)
H.R. 444 Issa (D-CA) 2/2/2005 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines.	Hybrid Vehicle HOV Access Act. This bill would allow states to permit hybrid vehicles to use HOV lanes. The bill would enable CA to implement the state law that allows high-mileage hybrids to use carpool lanes. The bill addresses the requirement that hybrids must meet the AT PZEV and 45 mpg standards and 2004 and older hybrids that meet ULEV or better, and 45 mpg standards. ARB received necessary authorization to move forward with AB 2628 with the passage of H.R. 3, SAFTEA.		Press Release (2/1/05) Text (2/1/05)
H.R. 622 Bono (R-CA) 2/25/2005 Referred to House: Energy and Air Quality Cmte	This bill would reauthorize and revise the renewable Energy Production Incentive Program. The bill would provide that the Secretary shall assign 60 percent of appropriated funds for that year to facilities that sure solar, wind, geothermal or closed-loop biomass technologies to generate electricity. The bill would extend the sunset date to September 1, 2015.		Press Release (2/8/05) Text (2/8/05)
H.R. 737 Woolsey (D-CA) 2/17/2005 House	The Renewable energy and Energy Efficiency Act of 2005. This bill establishes an energy program that unlocks the potential of renewable energy and energy efficiency. The bill provides that research, development, demonstration and commercial		Text (2/9/05)



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Subcommittee on Energy	applications programs be designed to enable 20% of the energy generated in the US from stationary sources be generated from non hydropower renewable energy sources by the year 2020.		
HR 798 Gordon (D-TN) Referred to Cmte on Environment and Public Works	Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005. This bill would require US EPA to develop voluntary guidelines for the remediation of former methamphetamine laboratories. The guidelines would be intended to help state and local governments remediate former meth labs.		
HR 1237 Andrews (N-D) 4/15/2005 Referred to House Subcmte on Domestic & Intl Monetary Policy, Trade & Technology	Brownfield Redevelopment Enhancement Act of 2005. This bill would expand the incentives for the environmental cleanup of certain contaminated industrial sites designated as brownfields.	HR 336	Text (3/10/05)
HR 1489 Gilchrest (MD-R) 4/19/2005 House resources committee/ subcommittee hearings held	Coastal Ocean Observation System Integration and Implementation Act of 2005. The bill would establish an observation system to collect data on environmental variables in coastal waters of the United States. The Secretary of Commerce would be responsible for establishing the system and carrying out pilot projects. Funds would be appropriated in the bill for this purpose.	S.361 (Snowe)	Text (4/6/05)
HR 1680 Andrews (NJ-D) 4/19/05 referred to House Committee on Ways and Means.	Brownfield Redevelopment Enhancement Act of 2005. This bill would expand the incentives for the environmental cleanup of certain contaminated industrial sites designated as brownfields.		



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HR 1749 Otter (R-ID) 9/29/05: Hearing held, testimony given before the Water Res & Env Subcommittee.	Pest Management and Fire Suppression Flexibility Act. This bill would exclude certain pesticide application activities from National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements. This measure is also identical to S. 1269.	S. 1269 Inhofe (OK)	Text (4/21/05)
HR 1807 Valazquez (NY) 5/13/05: Referred to the House subcommittee on Health	Community Environmental Equity Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit any entity that handles, manages, treats, releases, discharges, disposes, stores, transports, removes, moves, or delivers any covered substance (including pesticides) from disproportionately exposing any person or community to such substance on the ground of race, color, national origin, or economic status	SB 115 (Solis), Chapter 690, Statutes of 1999 designated Cal/EPA as the lead agency in California for environmental justice programs.	
HR 3059 Carson (D-IN) 6/24/2005 Referred to House Committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Alternative Fuel Utilization and Infrastructure Development Incentives Act of 2005. Provide for Flexible Fuel Vehicle (FFV) refueling capability at new and existing refueling station facilities to promote energy security.		TEXT (6/24/2005)



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HR 3482 Roybal-Allard (CA) 10/12/2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness	Children's Act for Responsible Employment of 2005 - CARE Act of 2005 - Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA) to repeal certain exemptions from child labor prohibitions for agricultural employment. Incorporates into FLSA child labor requirements certain federal standards for protecting workers exposed to pesticides. Reconciles civil penalties for violations of such standards affecting child workers imposed by the Secretary under FLSA and by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.		
HR 3577 S 1607 7/28/05 House of representatives	This bill would clarify that the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) dose not have jurisdiction over the regulation of solid waste facilities.		Text (7/28/05)
HR 3897 Radanovich (R-CA) 1/31/2006 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 197.	Madera Water Supply and Groundwater Enhancement Project Act - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, to study and report to Congress on the feasibility of constructing the Madera Water Supply and Enhancement Project. Requires all planning, design, and construction of the Project to be undertaken in accordance with a cooperative agreement between the Secretary and the Madera Water District, California. Authorizes the Secretary, upon determining that the project is feasible, to enter into a cooperative agreement through the Bureau with the District for the support of the design and construction of the Project. Limits the federal share of the capital costs of the Project to 25%. Directs the Secretary, before obligating funds, to work cooperatively to use plans, designs, and engineering and environmental analyses that		Text (9/27/05)



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	have already been prepared by the District for the Project.		
HR 4167 Mike Rogers (MI) 3/06 Approved by the House and sent to the Senate	National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005. This bill would amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act to prohibit safety-warning notices on or near foods that are not identical to any requirements imposed by the federal Food and Drug Administration. The bill would effectively preempt Proposition 65 warnings for exposures to carcinogens and reproductive toxins in foods. The California Attorney General has sent a letter of opposition to the author and California's congressional delegation, and the Wall Street Journal, Sacramento Bee and other newspapers have published articles on the bill. Other opponents of the bill include attorneys general from 37 states, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and the Association of Food and Drug Officials.	S. 3	Text (10/27/05)
HR 4357 Gutknecht, (R-MN) 12/2/2005 Referred to House Subcmte on	10 by 10 Act. Amend the Clean Air Act to require all gasoline sold for use in motor vehicles to contain 10 percent renewable fuel in the year 2010 and thereafter, and for other purposes.		Text (12/02/05)
HR 4480 Turner, Michael – Ohio 12/08/2005 Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means.	Amend Internal Revenue code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for remediation of contaminated sites.		Text 12/08/05



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HR 4640 Gerlarch (R-PA) 1/3/2006 Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.	Future Fuels Act. Reduce the Nation's oil dependence and enhance the Nation's ability to produce alternative fuels.		Text 12/18/05)
HR 4798 Pombo (R-CA) 2/16/06: Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure	California Perchlorate Contamination Remediation Act To facilitate remediation of perchlorate contamination in water sources in the State of California, and for other purposes. This bill would authorize \$50 million for perchlorate contamination in California.		
S 3 Judd (R-NH) 7/21/2005 Senate Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness.	Protecting America in the War on Terror Act of 2005. One of the bill's provisions would prohibit states from imposing any warning requirements on drugs, vaccines and related products unless they are identical to warnings required by federal law. This could pre-empt Proposition 65 warning requirements that pertain to over-the-counter drugs.	HR 4167	Text (1/24/05)
S 35 Kent (D-ND) Watch 1/24/2005 Referred to Senate Committee on Finance.	This bill would extend a tax credit for the production of electricity from wind.		Text (1/24/05)
S 131 Inhofe (R-OK)	Clear Skies Act of 2005. This bill would amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade		Text (1/24/05)



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Failed vote 3/9/05 in Sen Env & Public Works Cmte	programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program.		
S 360 Snowe (R-ME) 9/15/05- Amended/Placed on Senate Leg calendar	Coastal Zone Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2005. This bill would authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make grants to any coastal State without an approved coastal zone management program if it demonstrates that its grant will be used to develop such a program consistent with the Act.		Text (2/10/05) Amended Text 9/15/05
S 510 Wyden (D-OR) Sen Finance Cmte	Electronic Waste Recycling Promotion and Consumer Protection Act – This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow waste recyclers and individual consumers a tax credit for recycling qualified electronic waste. The bill would define "qualified electronic waste" as any discarded computer display screen or system unit; ban the disposal of electronic waste without recycling three years after the enactment of this Act, require the head of each Federal executive agency to recycle electronic waste, and require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to study the feasibility of establishing a nationwide recycling program for electronic waste that preempts any State recycling program. The House Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous materials held an informal hearing to discuss E-Waste on July 20 th .	HR 425	Text (3/3/05)
S. 553 Feinstein (D-CA) Sen Environment & Public Works Cmte	HOV-Lane exemption for low emission and hybrid vehicles. This bill would provide an exemption for low emission and hybrid vehicles in an HOV lane. This bill would authorize CA to implement provision in AB 2628.		Text (3/8/05)
S. 606	This bill establishes a <u>renewable fuels mandate</u> requiring		Text (5/26/05)



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Thune (R-SD) High Priority 5/26/2005 Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders	refineries to blend 6 billion gallons of ethanol into gasoline by 2012. This bill requires that 35percent or more of the renewable fuel be used in 2 periods, April-Sept and Jan-March. This bill also phases out the use of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) and the oxygenate requirement.		
S. 665 (Dorgan (D-DN) & Graham (R-SC)) Sen Energy & Nat Resources Cmte	The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Act of 2005. This bill would provide close to \$8 million over the next decade for the development and commercialization of fuel cell technology.		Text (3/17/05)
S. 729 (Durbin (D-IL) & Clinton (D-NY)) 4/6/05 Referred to committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry	Safe Food Act of 2005. Establishes the Food Safety Administration to administer and enforce food safety laws.	H.R. 1507 DeLauro (CT)	
S. 852 Specter (R-PA) 2/14/06 Cloture motion withdrawn by unanimous consent in the Senate.	FAIR Act of 2005. To create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.		Text (6/17/05) Text (Report # 109-97)



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S 918 Obama (D-IL)	E-85 Fuel Utilization and Infrastructure Development Incentives Act of 2005. Provide for flexible Fuel Vehicle (FFV) refueling capability at new and existing refueling station facilities to promote energy security and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.		Text (4/27/05)
S 1224 Boxer (D-CA) 6/9/05 Referred to Sen Cmte on Commerce, Science and Transportation	National Oceans Protection Act of 2005. The bill is still undergoing staff review, but the Water Board notes that it contains a number of water quality provisions ranging from wastewater treatment standards to TMDLs, to storm water runoff and beach monitoring.		
S 1269 Inhofe (OK) 6/20/2005: Referred to Sen. Environment & Public Works	Pest Management and Fire Suppression Flexibility Act. This bill would exclude certain pesticide application activities from National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements. This measure is also identical to HR 1749.	HR 1749 Otter (R-ID)	
S 1848 Salazar (Colorado) 10/06/2005 Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	Cleanup of Abandoned and Inactive Mines Act. Would allow US EPA to issue permits to allow "Good Samaritans" to cleanup abandoned mines sites causing pollution on adjacent public and private land sites without complying with any environmental laws. Those performing cleanups would only be responsible for meeting cleanup goals specified in a permit issued by US EPA. The states would be to approve the permits issued. Private property owners and public land management agencies would be absolved or responsibility for a site that was cleaned up by a Good Samaritan. The permit holder would be responsible for long-term oversight and maintenance of the site.		



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S 1994 Harkin (D-IA) 11/10/2005 Referred Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	Fuel Security and Consumer Choice Act. Required that an increasing percentage of new automobiles be dual fueled automobiles, to revise the method for calculating corporate average fuel economy for such vehicles, and other purpose.		
S 2025 Bayh (D-IN) 11/16/2005 Referred to Senate Committee on Finance.	Vehicle and Fuel Choices for American Security Act. Promote the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes.		
S. 2042 Chambliss (GA) Watch 11/17/2005 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	POPs, LRTAP POPs, and PIC Implementation Act of 2005. This bill would amend the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act to implement Pesticide-related obligations of the United States under the international conventions or protocols known as the PIC Convention, the POPs Convention, and the LRTAP POPs Protocol.	HR 3849 Lucas (OK)	
S. 2298 Feinstein (D-CA) Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	California Perchlorate Contamination Remediation Act. To facilitate remediation of perchlorate contamination in water Sources in the State of California, and for other purposes. This Bill would authorize \$50 million for perchlorate contamination cleanup in California.		